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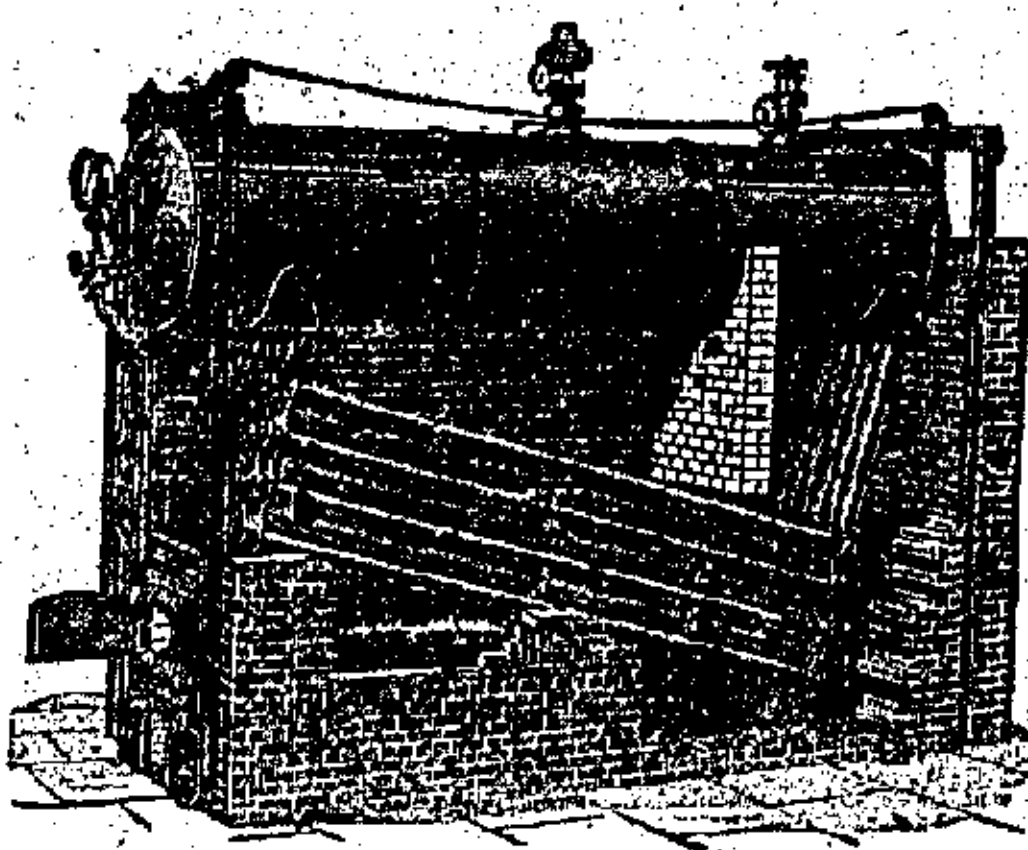
## Business Notices.

## W. S. BAILEY & CO.,

17, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Engineers and General Merchants.

PUMPS, PACKINGS, SHIP'S TELEGRAPHS,  
ENGINE AND BOILER MOUNTINGS, INJECTORS, GENERAL STORES.



BABCOCK AND WILCOX BOILERS.

W. S. BAILEY, E. O. MURPHY, Wm. Sc.,  
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## Bailey & Murphy,

Consulting and Superintending Engineers, Contractors and Surveyors.

Supervision, Surveys, Reports, Estimates, and Plans of all Classes of  
Steamers and Machinery.

## ANHEUSER-BUSCH BREWING ASSOCIATION

Lager Beer.

FOR SALE BY  
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
Sole Agents.  
Hongkong, Oct. 10, 1899, 2249

## GERMAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL SOCIETY.

THE SCHOOL of the Society will be  
OPENED on MONDAY, the 8th  
January, 1900, at the Hall of the Union  
Church, and will be under the personal  
superintendence of Pastor and Mrs.  
KUNZE.  
As the number of Pupils to be admitted  
is limited, there are only a few vacancies  
and Parents desirous that their Children  
should join are requested to apply to the  
undersigned for all particulars.

PAUL BREWITT,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Zetland Street, No. 2  
Hongkong, December 15, 1899. 2710

## HAVING THIS DAY ESTABLISHED OURSELVES AS DRAPERS,

WE are prepared to take Charge of Sale  
of PIECE GOODS of any Des-  
cription at a very Moderate Commission;  
and shall be glad to execute Orders for  
Goods suitable for this Market upon receipt  
of Samples, &c.

SINCERE & Co.,  
No. 172, Queen's Road Central,  
and 123, Wellington Street.  
Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2723

## THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GEN-  
ERAL MEETING of the SHARE-  
HOLDERS of the above Company will be  
held at the Registered Office of the Com-  
pany, No. 10, Queen's Road Central, on  
THURSDAY, the 28th day of December,  
1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving  
the Report of the General Managers, to-  
gether with a Statement of Accounts for  
the year ending 30th November, 1899.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 16th to  
25th instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, December 13, 1899. 2687

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE  
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the  
Transaction of Public Business on MON-  
DAY, the 1st January, 1900.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1899.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Agents,  
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.,  
General Managers,  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
DOUGLAS JONES,  
Secretary,  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.,  
W. H. PERCIVAL,  
Agent,  
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
A. S. GARFITT,  
Acting Secretary,  
China Traders Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
Agents,  
Yongank Insurance Association, Ltd.,  
GEO. L. TOMLIN,  
Secretary,  
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,  
2731

## WANTED

By a Single Gentleman, One or Two  
Rooms, FURNISHED or UN-  
FURNISHED, with or without a BOARD.  
Cable or Robinson Road Levels preferred.  
Highest references given and required.  
Replies with full particulars to 'Rooms',  
Care of 'China Mail' Office.  
Hongkong, December 26, 1899. 2790

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SEASON!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

WILL SELL

## ROUSSILLON CHAMPAGNE

TILL 15th JANUARY NEXT, at \$25.00 per Doz. Quarts, and \$13.50 per Doz. Pints,  
TO CLOSE CONSIGNMENTS.  
This WINE is of first-rate quality and has been approved by Connoisseurs all  
over the World. 2755

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

MAKE USEFUL

## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Violins Cellos Guitars Banjos Cornets Trombones  
Mandolines Mandolas Guitarras Euphoniums  
Zithers Clarinets, &c.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

## ASK FOR FERGUSON'S

**P. & O.**  
SPECIAL LIQUEUR, 10 YEARS OLD  
HIGHLAND WHISKY.  
FERGUSON'S  
SPECIAL CREAM  
BREADALBANE HIGHLAND WHISKY.  
These are the finest productions of Scotland;  
devoid absolutely of all deleterious matter.  
THE CREME DE LA CREME OF  
WHISKIES.  
PURE AND MILD.  
Sole Importers,  
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

## 'The Absent-Minded Beggar.'

GRAND NEW PATRIOTIC POEM BY RUDYARD KIPLING.  
Music by Sir ARTHUR SULLIVAN.  
HAS CREATED A FURORE UNEXAMPLED; AMAZING, IMMENSE.  
ORDER AT ONCE FOR YOUR CREDIT'S SAKE, AND PAY! PAY! PAY!  
PROCEEDS GIVEN TO PATRIOTIC FUND.  
ROBINSON PIANO CO.,  
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, SINGAPORE.

## BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with the provisions of  
the Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Under-  
mentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the  
Transaction of Public Business on MON-  
DAY, the 1st January, 1900.  
For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Aus-  
tralia and China.'  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-  
ing Corporation.'  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
For 'The National Bank of China, Limited.'  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.  
For 'The Mercantile Bank of India,  
Limited.'  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
For the 'Banque de l'Indo-Chine, Hong-  
kong Agency.'  
L. DERINDOAGUE,  
Manager.  
For the 'Bank of China and Japan, Ltd.,  
Hongkong.'  
CHARTREY INGBALD,  
Manager.  
For the 'Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd.,  
Hongkong.'  
S. CHOI,  
Agent.  
For the 'Imperial Bank of China.'  
T. W. HUYTER,  
Acting Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, December 26, 1899. 2691

## DRAPERY BUSINESS

FOR SALE.

OWING to the illness of the Proprietor,  
who is Absent in England, his At-  
torney now offers FOR SALE as a going  
concern, with immediate possession, the  
extensive Business carried on in Hong-  
kong, by the Firms of W. Kowak & Co.,  
Dunsmuir, Dunsmuir, & Co.,  
&c.  
The Premises are situated in the very best  
part of the City, are held on lease, and  
fitted with the best requirements for car-  
rying on a large and varied business.  
The Stock is in excellent condition and  
up to date, being replenished regularly by  
consignments personally selected by the  
Firm's London Agents. The Trade is large  
and well established, and the connection  
extensive. Purchasers could take over  
the Stock, Fixtures, and Book Debt at a  
valuation.  
For further particulars, apply to  
J. POWELL,  
Care of W. Powell & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 4, 1899. 2623

## FUJIYAMA & Co.

DEALERS in all kinds of JAPANESE  
CURIOS, and JAPANESE  
ART-OBSCURITIES.  
At Moderate Prices.  
No. 9, D'Almeida Street,  
Head Office, No. 32, Sanmachiya, 1,  
Chama, Kobe, Japan.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1899. 26

## Business Notices.

## BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN AGENCY, Ltd.

HONGKONG HOTEL--PRAYA



BELL'S ASBESTOS PACKINGS  
ARE THE BEST.

BELL'S BOILER COMPOSITION  
IS THE BEST.

BELL'S ENGINE OIL

IS THE BEST AND CHEAPEST IN THE MARKET.

KINGHORN & MACDONALD,  
MANAGERS.

## LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

## NEW-YEAR GOODS

Filberts, Brazils, Almonds, Barcelonas.

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CADBURY'S SELECTED CHOCOLATES  
ENGLISH and FRENCH CONFECTIONERY.

HUNTLEY AND PALMER'S

XMAS AND CAMBRIDGE CAKES.

GROSSE AND BLACKWELL'S

## XMAS PUDDINGS!!!

TOM SMITH'S CRACKERS in Great Variety

Gorgonzola, Stilton, and Roquefort Cheese.

SELECTED HAMS.

And other Delicacies too numerous to mention.

TOYS TOYS TOYS

YOUTH'S CYCLES, ROCKING HORSES, MAGIC LANTERNS, ELECTRIC  
TOYS, CINEMATOGRAPHS, CLOCKWORK and MECHANICAL TOYS.

DOLLS. DOLLS.

## NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

## THE PHARMACY,

10 Queen's Road Central (Formerly occupied by  
Terry Hennessy).

THIS Business has been under entirely New Management since August 1st. All  
Prescriptions dispensed by a qualified Chemist. Special attention paid to French  
and all other Foreign formulae.

## ENGLISH AND FOREIGN PATENT MEDICINE.

Homeopathic Medicines.  
Medicine Chests Refitted.  
Wines and Spirits.  
Manila Cigars (Direct from Makers).  
Manager, RICHARD FEINT.

## WILKINSON, HEYWOOD & CLARK, LTD.,

(PROPRIETORS OF DAVID STORER & SONS),  
LONDON—LIVERPOOL—PARIS,  
AND  
PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

## MAKERS OF PAINTS, VARNISHES AND COLORS

**BELL BRAND**  
PAINTS  
OF ALL COLORS,  
WHITE LEAD,  
WHITE ZINC,  
RED LEAD,  
TURPENTINE,  
COPAL VARNISH  
AND  
PALE BOILED  
LINSEED OIL.

It is impossible to procure in Hongkong A WHITE ZINC PAINT  
which is Superior to  
BELL BRAND.  
SPECIAL GENUINE GROUND WHITE ZINC.  
(All Keys Bear a Green St. Andrew's Cross.) 661

## PEAK HOTEL

AND  
CRAIGIEBURN.

THE PEAK HOTEL is situated at Victoria Gap, adjoining the TRAMWAY  
Station, 1500 feet above Sea Level.  
CRAIGIEBURN is situated at Plover's Gap, five minutes' walk from the  
Peak Hotel.  
Fine Healthy Location—Variety of Beautiful Scenery, Cool Southerly Breeze  
in Summer, with perfect protection against the North-East Wind in Winter.  
Well appointed Rooms, attentive Service, and excellent Cuisine.  
City Office, 7, DEAN'S STREET.  
A. MILES, Manager.

## Business Notices.

## CHOICE SELECTION OF SWEETS

IN SPLENDID CONDITION.

'Receiving Sweets repair the Mind's Decay.'—FOPE.

## CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREAMS,

A LARGE VARIETY IN FANCY BOXES, AT POPULAR PRICES.  
PASCALL'S GOLDEN MALTEX, EVERTON  
TOFFEE, LEMON BARLEY SUGAR,  
ALMOND FLOTS, RASPBERRY DROPS,  
APRICOTINES.

## Watkins, Limited,

2588 66, QUEEN'S ROAD ORIENTAL, HONGKONG.

## GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## Portland Cement.

\$5.00 per Cask of 375 lb. net ex Godown.

## Factories—HONGKONG AND MACAO.

Glazed Stoneware, Drain Pipes and Fittings, Glazed  
Paving Bricks and Tiles, Fire Bricks and Fire Clay.

## FIRE CLAY WORKS,—DEEP WATER BAY, HONGKONG.

For further particulars, apply to

## Shewan, Tomes & Co.,

GENERAL AGENTS.

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## MANILA ALHAMBRA

## ROYAL TAWNY PORT. CIGARS.

THE DUC DE MONTEBELLO CHAMPAGNE

Hongkong Agent: W. HUTTON POTTS. Office: DUNN PARK BUILDING,  
Edwin Street.

## W. POWELL & Co.

A MERRY XMAS  
IS ACCENTUATED BY AN EXCHANGE OF SEASONABLE GIFTS.  
WE ARE NOW SHOWING A CHOICE AND NOVEL COLLECTION OF  
TOYS AND FANCY GOODS.  
SUITABLE PRESENTS FOR ALL AGES.

W. POWELL & Co.,  
Immediately Opposite Post Office, 1st Floor.

## Bottled Stouts.

IND COOPE'S, per Cask of 8 Dozen Pints ... \$16.00  
GUINNESS' (BOAR'S HEAD) do. ... 22.00  
SOLE AGENTS:  
H. PRICE & Co.,  
12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

## FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

NEWLY FURNISHED ROOMS ON FIRST FLOOR, OLD BUILDING.  
EVERY COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE PROVIDED FOR GUESTS.  
2186

## LANSON PERE ET FILS. CHAMPAGNE.

VINTAGE 1893.  
AS SUPPLIED TO H.E.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES  
IN QUARTS, PINTS AND PINTS.  
CALDECK, MACGREGOR & Co.,  
Wine & Spirit Merchants. 2596

## COTTAM & Co.,

FOR  
AMERICAN BOOTS AND SHOES, O'ERLAND TRUNKS,  
AND CHRISTY'S AND TOWNSEND'S HATS.

## MANILA CIGARS,

ALWAYS ON HAND THE BEST MARKS FROM  
'LA INSULAR' AND 'LA PERLA DE ORIENTE' FACTORIES.  
J. M. DE ZUNIGA,  
Entrance by Joe House Street, (New Victoria Hotel).

## VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

BAKING UNSEED AND DICHOUGH COUGH BALSAM.  
For the Relief of CATARRHAL COMPLAINTS, such as COUGHS, COLDS,  
HOARSENESS, and SORENESS OF THE CHEST.  
Price 50 Cents and \$1.  
CRICKSHANK'S COUGH BALSAM.  
For Coughs, Croup, Hoarseness, Soreness, Asthma, Consumption, Hooping Cough,  
Whooping Cough, and all Diseases of the Throat and Lungs.  
Price \$1 per Bottle.  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
QUEEN'S ROAD.



# THE CHINA MAIL.

## Entertainments.

By kind permission of the distinguished Authorities.  
**ST. ANDREW'S HALL.**  
**TRUDDAY & SATURDAY.**  
 December 28th & 29th.  
 Commencing at 8 p.m.  
**XYLOPHONE & KINEMATOGRAPH ENTERTAINMENT.**  
 Admission, 25c. and 50c.  
 Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half-Price to Second Seat.  
 Hongkong, December 28, 1899. 2701

## AN EVENING CONCERT.

Will be given  
 On FRIDAY, December 29,  
 in the  
 BUNGALOW, KOWLOON,  
 (kindly lent for the occasion by the Hon. C. P. CHATER, C.S.G.)  
 in aid of  
**THE MISSUS AND KIDS FUND.**  
 Under the Patronage of Colonel RETALLACK and Officers of the Hongkong Regiment and the leading Kowloon Residents.  
 By kind permission of Lieut. Col. RETALLACK and the Officers, H.K.I., the excellent Band of the Regiment will play selections.  
 Tickets \$1 each. Concert to commence at 9 p.m.  
 Tickets may be obtained from the Members of the following Committee:—Rev. C. BONE, and R. F. JOHNSON, Captain Green, Messrs. A. J. KENNEDY, Duncan, Farr, Jack, Longworth, Main, Mackenzie, Musk, Reid, Ritchie, Sayer, Skerrett, Street, Blackwood, Dr. Swan, and Mr. WILKES.  
 C. McD. SMITH, Hon. Secy.  
 Hongkong, Dec. 28, 1899. 2782

## THEATRE ROYAL.

### CITY HALL.

## GRAND BOXING CONTEST.

will be given on  
**WEDNESDAY, the 3rd January, 1900,**  
 at 8 p.m. Sharp.  
 With the kind approval of the Chairman of the Fund, this Grand Contest will be for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of the Transvaal War Fund.  
 The String Band will be in attendance.  
 This Grand Contest will be between the Royal Navy and the British Army.  
 Stags, Seals, ... \$3.00.  
 Dress Circle, ... \$2.00.  
 Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—Stalls and Pits, \$1.00.  
 Booking Office, Robinson Piano Co.  
 H. HORWITZ.  
 Hongkong, Dec. 23, 1899. 2773

## THEATRE ROYAL.

### CITY HALL.

## GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.

will be given on  
**SATURDAY, 3rd January, 1900,**  
 in the  
 THEATRE ROYAL,  
 at 8 p.m.  
 In aid of the  
**SOUTH AFRICAN FUND.**  
 Under the Patronage of  
 H.E. Sir HENRY and Lady BLAKE,  
 H.E. Major-General and Mrs. GARDINER,  
 Commandants and Mrs. POWELL,  
 and all the  
 Leading Citizens.  
 THE BOOKING OFFICE at City Hall  
 will be OPEN on WEDNESDAY,  
 the 27th December, at 10 a.m.  
 Admission \$3, all over the House.  
 THE ENTERTAINMENT  
 will be repeated on  
**WEDNESDAY, 10th January.**  
 Admission, 50c. to Dress Circle. \$1 to Pits. Soldiers, Sailors, Police and Volunteers in Uniform, Half-price.  
 Hongkong, December 22, 1899. 2760

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 603.  
 The following Notice is published.  
 By Command,  
 J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
 Colonial Secretary's Office,  
 Hongkong, 6th December, 1899.

## NOTICE.

On and after the 1st day of January, 1900, the postage on Parcels posted in this Colony to the United Kingdom will be as follows:—  
 For a parcel not exceeding 3 lbs. 50 cents.  
 For a parcel over 3 lbs. but not exceeding 7 lbs. in weight, \$1.00.  
 For a parcel over 7 lbs. but not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight, \$1.50.  
 Wm. C. H. HASTINGS,  
 Postmaster General.  
 General Post Office, Hongkong, 6th December, 1899. 2776

## HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TEAM.

WATSON COMPANY, LIMITED.  
 TIME TABLE.  
 WEEK DAYS.  
 7.30 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.  
 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every ten minutes.  
 9.30 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.  
 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.  
 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.  
 5.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 5 minutes.  
 Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.  
 Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.  
 SUNDAYS.  
 8.15 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Every half hour.  
 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Every ten minutes.  
 Noon to 2 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.  
 2.45 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.  
 Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.  
 SPECIAL CARS: Arrangement at the Company's Office, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 6th December, 1899.  
 JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
 General Managers.  
 Hongkong, Dec. 1, 1899.

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on  
**FRIDAY,**  
 (the 29th December, 1899, at 2.45 p.m., at No. 9, QUEEN'S GARDENS, PEARL ROAD, (The Residence of G. O. COX, Esq.)  
 THE WHOLE OF HIS  
**VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.**  
 Comprising:—  
 SINK, TAPESTRY and PLEIN COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITES, TEAK OVERMAN, CHAIRS, CHIFFONIER, JAPANESE CABINETS, CANTON BLACKWOOD TABLE and STOOLS, CHAIRS, RUGS, and LACE CURTAINS, &c. TEAK SIDEBOARD with MIRROR, DINING WARDROBE, DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, OIL PAINTING, FIRE ENGRAVINGS, ORNAMENTS, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, GAS FITTINGS, &c., &c.  
 Double and Single BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, TEAK WARDROBE with MIRROR, DRESSING TABLE, MARBLE-TOP DRESSING TABLE, TOILET SETS, CHEST of DRAWERS, CHAIRS, TABLES, PENDERS and COAL-SKUTTLES, &c., &c.  
 1 CUPBOARD RANGET and POLIS, 1 LOT WINE NETTING.  
 Also,  
 1 COTTAGE PIANO by RICHARDS (in good condition).  
 On view from Thursday, the 28th Dec. Terms: As Customary.  
 Catalogues will be issued.  
 GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
 Auctioneer.  
 Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1899. 2762

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# A First-Class Chiropractor

Mr. M. Schlegel, the German Chiropractor, who paid a prolonged visit to this Colony early this year, has returned from the North, and may be consulted at 9 Duddell Street, Room No. 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# The French in South China.

A Peking telegram states that the French have demanded a concession from the Chinese Government for a railway line to Kwangchow and Luchow, while the railway is to be constructed from the mines to the sea-coast of Kwangchow, which is not far from Canton. It is also stated that France has demanded from China the right to use the Chinese Dockyard and Engine Works at Foochow. This is an addition to the demands already lodged with the Chinese Government. A Japanese paper thinks that China will not be able to grant the use of the dockyard at Foochow owing to an article in her treaty with Japan, which states that under no circumstances shall China grant to any foreign power any concession in which Foochow is concerned.

# Turbine-Driven Torpedo-Boat.

A London telegram, dated November 22, says: "The preliminary trial of the turbine torpedo-boat *Viper* took place today and was successful. She developed a speed of 32 knots. The official trials will follow in a few days. The *Viper* is a naval experiment, and of her success or failure the ultimate fate of the turbine engine to a certain extent depends. The *Viper* was launched at Newcastle-on-Tyne on September 6th and was expected to develop a speed of 35 knots an hour. She has four sets of turbine engines, which drive two propellers. It is stated that these engines are capable of developing 10,000 to 12,000 horsepower. It is worthy of note that several torpedo boats built in Germany have reached a speed of 35 knots. The British Admiralty regard the *Viper* as an important experiment, and it has been so successful that more important developments may be expected in the use of turbine engines on war ships.

# P. and O. Pocket Book.

Passengers by P. and O. steamers will find the 'Pocket Book' issued by that Company a very useful handbook of information. The pocket book was first issued in 1889, to the extent of ten thousand copies, but it has long been out of print. The present issue embodies the cream of the old issue, and some interesting articles by men of prominence. Sir Thomas Sutherland gives a brief history of the P. and O. Company, with which he has been so long and honorably associated. There is an article in French on 'Le Canal de Suez,' by Le Comte Charles de Lesseps. 'Egypt' is described by Stanley Lane-Poole. Sir Edwin Arnold gives 'Notes for a Tour through India.' The other descriptive articles are 'China,' by Sir Thomas Wade; 'Japan,' by Henry W. Lucy; and 'Australia,' by Russel Nicolson. There are beautiful photographic illustrations of a number of the ports of call on the routes of the Company's steamers. There is a large collection of useful tables, and the illustrations of flags and maps are very well executed. The descriptions of the ports en route are brought up to date.

# 'Gup' from Tientsin.

An occasional correspondent writes: "The river has not frozen yet (Dec. 10), though it ought to have done so nearly a week ago. Although not frozen, it is closed to all intents and purposes. One 'old hand' says that the old 'Tientsin winter' is a thing of the past, and if he means the old times when the Settlement was practically cut off from the world for several months every year, and the foreign residents, relieved from business routine, made their social life one continuous round of enjoyable gatherings, then I agree with him. There is a little ice on the ponds, but the elderly and more portly of our residents have not yet risked their lives, and the ponds are therefore left to the youthful population. A guard of Marquis has arrived, and taken up its winter quarters. We hear of a good deal of iniquity among the Chinese in Peking. Two Germans were mobbed there the other day while endeavouring to take some photographs. The latest political rumour from Peking is that a Russo-Japanese war is imminent. Just how much truth there is in the rumour I am unable to say, but I hear that the Japanese steamers here are refusing to make any engagements more than a month ahead. Another rumour general in Peking is that the boiler which arrived there for the electrical department of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (now lighted by electricity) was brought to boil the eyes of Chinese children to make soup for the missionaries. The rebels at Shan-hai-kuan have been beaten, and there are numerous executions going on in Peking. Emigration has hit the 1200 rebels were brought up the other day, and 70 of these were executed—mostly strangled or hanged.

# THE MODERN MOTHER.

It has found that little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle cathartic, than by any other. Children enjoy it, and it is healthy. The true Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., Wholesale and Retail.

# Museum.

There were 100 European and 1,734 Chinese visitors to the City Hall Museum, during the week ending 24th Dec.

# Chinese Official Changes.

The Chinese Mail has received a special telegram stating that H. E. Lau Kun, Viceroy of Nanking, is recalled to Peking for an audience, and Lu Chun-lin, Governor of the same place, is to act as Viceroy pro tem. H. E. Lau was only lately transferred from Canton.

# Land Sale.

A lot of Crown Land at Mong-Kok Tsui was sold this afternoon by public auction. The lot contains 3,115 square feet, registered as Kowloon Inland Lot 496; it was put up at \$1600 and sold for \$3,600. The Crown Rent is \$44 per annum.

# Oliver's Mines.

We are informed by Messrs John D. Humphreys and Son, General Managers of Oliver's Freehold Mines Limited, that they have received a telegram from the Mines, giving the result of this month's crushing as follows:—462 tons of quartz crushed for a yield of 504 ounces refined gold, mill run 20 days.

# Fire at Wanchai.

At 6.45 p.m. yesterday, the Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire which had broken out on the second floor of an unoccupied house at No. 1 Ship Street. The Brigade confined the fire to the premises where it originated, damage to the extent of about \$300 being done.

# Volunteers from Shanghai.

Shanghai has at last been caught by the war fever, and we hear that nearly 200 people are going to offer their services to Whitehall. The offer has the merit of being made at a critical juncture, and on this score it is to be hoped that the British military authorities will not return the same answer as that sent to Hongkong, where the people offered to serve in South Africa at a time when it was thought that the British forces, on account of their numerical strength, would have a simple walk-over. But we have no reason to think that the Hongkong folk are less courageous than the Shanghaiers, and perhaps the local movement will have the effect of making the Hongkongites repeat their offer, in which case the Chinese contingent may blossom into the China Regiment, not of Weihsaiwei, however, which home folk please note—*Mercury*.

# Quelling a Plague Epidemic.

On the authority of Dr. Kitozato, the Yacht states that the only course now possible for stamping out the plague in Kobe, which appears already to have spread to all parts of the city, is to thoroughly cleanse houses and buildings, destroy all vermin, medically inspect the people, and collect all the inhabitants of the poorer quarters in Kobe in one place and there isolate them. The improvement of the drains and keeping the streets clean are also necessary. The simplest way of catching rats, according to Dr. Kitozato, is to spread lime-line on a sheet of paper, putting in the centre something of which rats are very fond. It is an extremely difficult matter to disinfect houses where plague has occurred to such an extent as to thoroughly stamp out the disease. For instance, the house of Hira Matsukichi at Fukui, who recently died from the plague, was disinfected at the time, and the children were affected three weeks after the disinfection had taken place. Such houses Dr. Kitozato urges should be pulled down and the debris burnt.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

# PRINCE HENRY'S VISIT TO SIAM.

The Bangkok Times of the 15th inst. says:—The *Siam Maitheon* (Captain de Richelieu) the *Malak Rajabunder* (Lieut. Commander Riaz), and the *Myndia* (Lieut. Commander Seldin) left to dry for the mouth of the river to receive H. R. H. Prince Heinrich of Prussia. By the *Siam Maitheon* there arrived Prince Siam (H. R. H. Prince Heinrich of Prussia), Luang Prabang, Chao Mon Chong Bhakdi (King of Laos), Phiphat Kosi, and Phra Samudh (Gov. of Paknam), who are to welcome His Royal Highness to Siam on behalf of His Majesty. To-morrow morning, on the arrival of the *Deutschland*, the Prince and his suite will go on board the *Siam Maitheon*, where they came up the river attended by the other Royal Navy vessels. As the river is expected to be in flood, they will be in Bangkok in the forenoon. The yacht will anchor opposite Samudhaya College where Phra Rajawarion of the Household Department will be in waiting with a state barge to convey the royal visitor and his suite to the Palace. The Prince will be welcomed by the Queen, after which they will proceed to the Samut Prakan, which is to be the Prince's residence during his stay here. In the evening His Royal Highness and suite will be entertained to dinner by the King. On Monday evening Prince Heinrich will be again the guest of His Majesty at dinner, while the members of his suite and the Diplomatic and Consular body will be entertained to dinner by H. R. H. Prince Dewaraja at the Foreign Office. After dinner there will be a State Concert. The chief events of the following days will be a dinner at the German Minister's on Tuesday evening, an entertainment by the Navy Department with a dance on the *Malak Rajabunder* on Wednesday evening, a garden party at the German Minister's on Thursday afternoon, with a Christmas tree and entertainment at the German Club on the evening.

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